

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 15, 2009

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Michael Kelly (W2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 8, 2009 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending October 14, 2009 in the amount of \$ 243,189.98 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of October 8-14, 2009
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from October 5 – 13, 2009
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of September in the total amount of \$19,575.83
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for September 2009

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. **AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 760,709.88 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

6. **PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

Denise Nephew President of the AFSCME Union. Denise stated she hadn't addressed the Council since Budget time in January. She has come to remind the Council of some of the decisions that were made at that time. In January of this year the Parking Enforcement Officer position was abolished. She has received the Parking Violations Bureau monthly reports. She knows the Council has the reports as it is on the Agenda. She is here to reiterate some of those losses. She stated the revenue is down \$57,318 and it is a direct result of the abolishment of this job. She is here to ask that the Council reconsider putting this position back. She has other monthly reports that support her position. Also, she stated being lost revenue she asked what are they paying complus? She stated Councilor Carpenter, Valentine and Rabideau voted yes to abolish she would ask them to reconsider and she is available to meet with them

7. **OTHER ITEMS:**

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to approve a change order for Project Main St BIP 2008 #3 (Carol McLean, 22 City Hall Place) in the amount of \$1890.00. The contractor removed and recaulked the expansion joints of the front decks (3 stories). The contractor's proposal is attached.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration "Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$21,281.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project HO #1-2009 PI (Richard Barkley, 74 Montcalm Ave), Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$50,000 to Martin Bouchard Construction for Project Main St BIP #8-2008 (Plattsburgh Internal Medicine, 72 Margaret St) and Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$8534.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project Main St BIP #9-2008 (Arnold Pavone, 20 Margaret St)."

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to award contract for \$21,281.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project HO #1-2009 PI (Richard Barkley, 74 Montcalm Ave).

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to award contract for \$50,000 to Martin Bouchard Construction for Project Main St BIP #8-2008 (Plattsburgh Internal Medicine, 72 Margaret St).

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office to award contract for \$8534.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project Main St BIP #9-2008 (Arnold Pavone, 20 Margaret St).

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: Councilor Carpenter wanted to move all 3 items because it is getting late in the season and these are all outside projects.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor Donald Kasprzak to attend the “Development of NYCOM’s 2010 Legislative Priorities” in Albany, NY from November 9-10, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$455.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Second by Councilor Valentine

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Captain Michael Branch and Lieutenant Patrick Rascoe to attend the “Problem Oriented Policing Training Course” in Syracuse, NY from October 19 – 21, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$700.00 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a request from Chief Desmond Racicot for Cpl. Bradley Kiroy to attend the “Department of Criminal Justice Services Breath Analysis Instructor Course” in Oswego, NY from October 27-29, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$475.00 which will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund.

By Councilor Carpenter; Second by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to award the Bid No. 2009-9-2 Electric Power Cable to the following Vendors: GottoGo Electric \$96,004.00; Stuart C. Irby \$20,475.00; WESCO \$57,858.00. Total Bid Award Cost is \$174,337.00.
2. Request from Jennifer Boyer to bring a Half Marathon to the City of Plattsburgh. The proposed date would be Sunday, April 18, 2010 starting at 8:00 am. At this time the 2 main

sponsors are Delta Marketing and KCB Incorporated. Jennifer has met with the Police Department, Public Works and Recreation Department.

3. Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$21,281.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project HO #1-2009 PI (Richard Barkley, 74 Montcalm Ave). **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter B)**
4. Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$50,000 to Martin Bouchard Construction for Project Main St BIP #8-2008 (Plattsburgh Internal Medicine, 72 Margaret St). **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter C)**
5. Request from Community Development Office to award contract for \$8534.00 to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for Project Main St BIP #9-2008 (Arnold Pavone, 20 Margaret St). **(Moved to agenda under “Other Items” Letter D)**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson just wanted to remind everyone there is an MLD Board Meeting after this meeting.

Councilor Valentine asked regarding Denise Nephew’s discussion on filling the Parking Enforcement Officer position again if there have been complaints in not ticketing and if there have been an increase in calls.

Councilor Jackson stated he has heard from constituents of his who operate businesses on Clinton Street (two of them actually) complaining about the fact they are not able to get their clientele in to their businesses because cars are not moving and they aren’t following the rules or the traffic signs.

Councilor Carpenter stated he as also heard from a business on Clinton St with the same complaint and that was a huge part of why his business was not doing well.

Councilor Valentine asked if **Councilor Rabideau** had any calls or complaints.

Councilor Rabideau stated that during conversations he has had with City Engineer and that vehicles were being left for weeks at a time in some areas.

Councilor Calnon we should try to put some definitions on the complaints and find out what they are and why they are and check on the reason why they are getting them and discuss during budget sessions.

Councilor Valentine wanted to remind everyone about Trick or Treat on Safety Street at the Rec Dept on 10-30-09 from 6-8 pm

Councilor Carpenter also wanted to remind everyone about the Paranormal Expo at the Rec Dept on 10-24-09 from 10am – 6pm. **Steve Peters** gave a small presentation to the Council and Public.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dan Rugar of Maine Rd came prepared with a lot of organized thoughts but the people he wished to share them with weren't here. He is all for the Half Mile and hope that all the incurred costs are reimbursed by the sponsor and he volunteers to help the cause. He doesn't have his thoughts on parking violations with him he didn't come prepared for that tonight so he wished everyone a Happy Homecoming Weekend!

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 pm